

Minutes  
**ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Regular Meeting - October 28, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Quorum present

**COC members present:** Roni Hollmon (Chair), Marc Friend, Sarah Bell, Stefany Thangavelu, Adina Wadsworth, Jessica Clark (training)

**COC members absent:** Jason Gresh, Gladys Mack, Kelsey Grimes

**Commissioners present:** Amber Gove,, Brian Alcorn, Robb Dooling

**Panelists present:** Lieutenant Araz Alali, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) First District; Sergeant JD Hansohn, MPD Fifth District; Christopher Wade, Community Outreach Specialist 1D, US Attorney's Office

**Community members present:** 6

A round of introductions were made.

Sergeant JD Hansohn (5D) began with an update on F Street NE and Azeeze-Bates Apartments. A camera has been put up in the alley in the 1500 block of Isherwood Street NE. All the cameras are up and running at 1500 F Street as well. Several MPD officers have been employed by the complex to provide security. During those hours they will be paid by the complex and not the city.

Chair Roni Hollmon inquired about the status of Benning Courts and the Pentacle. Sgt. Hansohn responded that there have been some domestic incidents and a theft but it is quiet as far as the uptick in violence that is being seen across the city.

Commissioner Robb Dooling thanked the Sergeant for the cameras with MPD's limited resources. He asked if the camera in the alley would be able to stay for the foreseeable future. Sgt. Hansohn responded that he does not anticipate the camera will be moved.

Commissioner Amber Gove inquired what information has been given to residents about the DC camera rebate program. Sgt. Hansohn responded that usually when a neighborhood is canvassed, residents are given information about the camera program and the tipline program as well.

Commissioner Alcorn also thanked the Sergeant for the cameras and he was glad that these actions provided some solutions for the police as well as the community. He inquired if there was anything the Committee or ANC 6A could do since the activity predictably moved from the alley. Sgt. Hanson responded that it would help if Azeeze-Bates installed cameras in the

courtyard and on the side that is out of the range of the crime camera. In addition, the security company could consider barring folks who are not residents or visiting someone at the property from being in the courtyard.

Commissioner Alcorn inquired if the security presence has been improved since the shooting two months ago. Sgt. Hansohn responded there is a more regular presence. He also added that on the night of the shooting, officers reported the lack of security personnel on the premises.

Committee Member Marc Friend inquired what the rules of engagement are for off-duty police officers now working security on the property.

Sgt Hansohn responded they are insured by the management company and are compensated by them; however they still are police officers and have the same powers as when they are on duty and being compensated by MPD.

Lieutenant Araz Alali gave an overview of the last 30 days in the area in comparison to the same 30 day period last year. He also gave an update on the armed carjacking in the 1300 block of D Street NE.

Chair Hollmon asked, on behalf of Commissioner Chatterjee, who could not attend due to a family emergency; about the incident near the White House involving 1D officers, specifically why 1D officers were near the White House. Lt. Alali responded that it was an active investigation, so he was limited in what he could share; but did explain that 1D's jurisdiction includes the Capitol and the White House.

Committee Member Friend wanted to encourage caution regarding residents playing dice games and possibly being arrested. Lt. Alali responded that they were not looking to tie up officers for hours on quality of life issues; however, the data does bear out that in some cases these things can escalate to a violent crime.

Commissioner Alcorn inquired about the status of a case concerning King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. Lt. Alali responded that the case was still open.

Commission Alcorn inquired about the armed security that is present at Eastern High School (EHS) now and why EHS opposed to other places. Lt. Alali responded that the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) has hired armed security guards. In addition, DCPS felt they were needed due to the increase in fights at Eastern.

Chair Hollmon inquired about the Relisha Rudd case. LT Alali said that the case was still open and the Youth Division handles cases involving missing and exploited children and would be more adept at explaining their process.

Chair Hollmon did some housekeeping with Committee Members regarding the ANC 6A Facebook page and contacts for schools for the November 2022 meeting.

Mr. Wade gave an overview of the US Attorney's office and what his job entails as the Community Outreach Specialist. He went over the various programs they offer and resources that are available.

Chair Hollmon inquired about the Bullying Forum that was just held. Mr. Wade had a panel which included the Office of Attorney General (OAG), DCPS and others for bullying prevention month. He was very excited about having another opportunity to collaborate with schools.

Commissioner Alcorn inquired about the Court Report and whether it is regularly published. Mr. Wade explained that it had fallen behind due to the Covid epidemic and the need for him to cover 5D in addition to his 1D duties. He was happy to report there is now a 5D Community Outreach Specialist and he is working on the Court Report now as they begin to transition from telework back to their offices.

Committee Member Jessica Clark inquired what was the best way to share the resources available from the US Attorney's Office with constituents. Mr. Wade said residents should reach out to the Outreach Specialist for their District and to the MPD for help. If they cannot assist directly, they are sure they have a partner that will be beneficial. He also does not mind residents emailing him directly.

Community Comments were announcements of upcoming meetings and a discussion about Eastern High School Band in light of the Washington Post Article.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm.